The Deputy Attorney General

information regarding this [illegible] appears [illegible] the Commission's Hearings.

(3) [illegible]: The FBI has never had possession or custody of the original photograph requested by Mr. Weisberg.

Enclosure

NOTE:

As is stated in the letter to the Deputy Attorney General and as we have pointed out in previous communications to officials of the Department of Justice, Weisberg is a prolific and notorious critic of the Warren Commission, the FBI, etc. His criticisms have included slanting of the truth and outright lies.

So far as the Ferrie material is concerned, Ferrie died in February, 1967. The 55 pages of information about him which were withheld from public disclosure contained allegations, hearsay, and rumor indicating he may have been a homosexual. This information was withheld in 1965, two years before Ferrie's death. The previous communications to Department officials which were written following Ferrie's death took the position that we had no objection to the release of this information to the public; however, the final decision in this regard was a decision to be made by the Department of Justice.

Regarding the photograph mentioned in Item 3 above, informal discussions with Mr. Carl Eardley, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, show the Department feels that it would be difficult, if not impossible, to sustain in court a refusal to furnish copies of material the subject matter of which is already available to the public.

The receipt referred to in Item 4 above was made but for a missile. The "missile" consisted of two small fragments of lead recovered from the head of President Kennedy.

Relative to the autopsy photographs mentioned in Item 5, the Laboratory has never had in its possession or custody any of these photographs. This material has also been co-ordinated with the Domestic Intelligence and General Investigative Divisions. Both Divisions advise that they have never had custody of the autopsy photographs.

Material set out above concerning Ferrie and background on Weisberg compiled and furnished by Domestic Intelligence Division.